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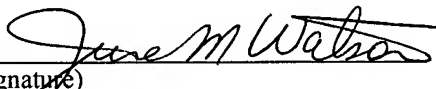
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Applicant: Gregory E. Sancioff et al.
Serial No.: 10/760,634
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PLACING SUTURE
WIRES INTO TISSUE FOR THE APPROXIMATION AND
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 15, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this amendment.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this amendment.

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